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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

A four (4) month extension of time, from August 1, 2001 to and including December 1, 2001 is requested to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed June 1, 2001 in the above-referenced application. The large entity extension fee of \$1,440 is enclosed herewith.

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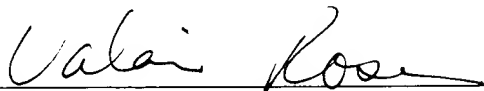
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